

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

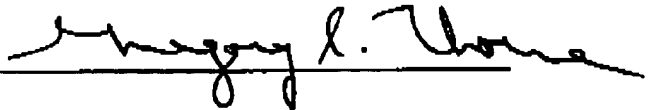
Claims 1-20 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, and 20 are independent claims.

Applicants have canceled Claims 2 and 15 without prejudice. The subject matter indicated as allowable in these claims has been incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Claims 1 and 14 be allowed. Further, Claims 3-13 and 16-19 depends from one of Claims 1 and 14 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Claims 3-13 and 16-19 also be allowed. A continuation application and preliminary amendment, directed to the subject matter covered by the additional subject matter will be filed to continue the prosecution of the additional subject matter after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

This amendment places the instant application in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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